## Exhibit D to the

Declaration of Ryan S. Hilbert In Support Of Ex Parte Application By Maritz Inc. For An Order Shortening Time or, In the Alternative, Temporarily Staying Arbitration Case 3:07-cv-05585-JSW

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## VIA EMAIL, FACSIMILE AND FED EX

Ms. Norma Cantu American Arbitration Association 6795 North Palm Ave., 2nd Floor Fresno, CA 93704

Re:

Visa USA / Maritz

Case No. 74 117 01325 07 NOCA

Dear Ms. Cantu:

Maritz, Inc. has filed a motion with the United States District Court in San Francisco to stay arbitration pending determination of arbitrability by the Court. On Friday, December 21, the Court set a briefing schedule, ordering that Visa's opposition to the motion shall be filed no later than January 11, 2008, and a reply brief shall be filed no later than January 18, 2008. A copy of the Court's Order establishing the briefing schedule is enclosed with this letter.

This is to request that the American Arbitration Association respect the judicial process and stay arbitration proceedings, including the selection of an arbitrator, until the Court rules on Maritz's Motion to Stay Arbitration Pending Determination of Arbitrability.

As you can see, the Court established a reasonably prompt briefing schedule and we expect an expeditious determination by the Court.

Please let us know promptly whether or not the American Arbitration Association will stay arbitration proceedings until the Court has an opportunity to decide the pending motion.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Weiss

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